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Secretary Marlene Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th St. SW
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Dear Secretary Dortch,

In today's fast-paced and online world, businesses not connected to the Internet are having more and more difficulty "making it." **small** businesses make up 99 percent of America's businesses and they represent so much of the American Dream other nations and citizens long for. It saddens me, however, to see that America only ranks 21st in the International Telecommunications Union's global ranking in broadband penetration. How can this be?

I find it disheartening to see that many small businesses simply cannot afford internet access. Some small businesses have *to* stretch themselves so thin in order to have internet access, **that** then they cannot focus their dollars in more effective areas. Further, some small businesses cannot **even** receive internet access because of their **rural** location.

There **is** a light at the end of the tunnel for these small businesses, however. That light is the M2Z proposal to provide fast, free wireless broadband internet service to all Americans. This window would give small businesses the support and connectivity needed in order to turn into more than the rural small business and into the leading business in its market.

American's shouldn't only have to dream the American Dream. Entrepreneurs should not have to get hit down **and** burdened by one more cost that could make the difference. Give American's the chance to face **their** dreams and to get connected. I urge you to support the above mentioned proposal as it is seen in Docket # 07-16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Seegers". The signature is stylized with a large "J" and "S".

Joe Seegers District Republican Party
Chairman, 10th District

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